Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; There was provision for the L. A. charges for the acquisition of the site required in the 1107 budget.

(*c*) The site was acquired in 1107.

(*d*) The construction of the new building will be taken up according to the availability of funds.

Mr V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Why was not the work undertaken ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): For financial reasons.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): From 1107 onwards the Government could not find funds ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): That appears to be the case.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): When do the Government propose to undertake the work ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I cannot definitely say when exactly this work can be undertaken. I shall try to provide for this in the next year's budget.

Mr. V. N Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): What will be the amount required ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): About 10 to 12 thousand rupees.

PIPE LINE—EXTENSION OUTSIDE THE ERNAKULAM MUNICIPAL TOWN.

380. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have any proposal to extend the pipe line to any place outside the Ernakulam Municipal limits this year;

(*b*) if so, to which place do they propose to extend it;

(*c*) have the Government received any representations from the people of Katavanthra and Elamkulam for extending the pipe line to those places;

(*d*) if so, when?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposed extension is along the Trippunittura road for a distance of about 1480 feet.

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(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) In the year 1112 and early this year.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Will the proposed extension provide water for Kadavanthra and other places?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): We are going to have one tap after the paddy fields near to the Ernakulam town.

WATER WORKS IN NEMMARA AND AYILUR.

381. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the capacity of the water-works in Nemmara and Ayilur;

(*b*) how much water is now pumped out daily in each;

(*c*) is there any scope for extending the supply to the places where there is great scarcity of water;

(*d*) are there complaints about the Ayilur water supply; and

(*e*) if so, what is the nature of the complaint?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) The capacity of the Nemmara works is 96,000 gallons per day, provided pumping is carried on throughout; that of Ayilur is 35,000 gallons.

(*b*) Nemmara supplies 84,000 gallons per day.

Ayilur supplies 24,000 gallons per day.

(*c*) The prospect for considerable expansion with the existing distribution system at Nemmara is not much. The same remark applies to Ayilur where, in addition, the bore-hole yield should improve.

(*d*) and (*e*). It has been represented that the present supply at Ayilur is not satisfactory. Water is now supplied for 8 hours a day—4 hours in the morning and 4 in the evening.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government have to spend a large amount of money to improve these two systems?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes. The distribution system at Nemmara is not of sufficient size to permit of large expansions.

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